

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Sent by email only

October 5, 2020

Brent Berg General Manager Florence Copper, Inc. 1575 W. Hunt Highway Florence, Arizona 85132

RE: Minor Permit Modification for the Production Test Facility UIC Permit No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1, Florence Arizona

Dear Mr. Berg:

I am writing to provide the enclosed Minor Modification to Permit No. R9UIC-AZ3-FY11-1. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) has reviewed the request for use of an additional chemical submitted by email on September 8, 2020 and the additional information submitted by email on September 22 and 23, 2020 from Florence Copper, Inc. for the Production Test Facility in Florence, AZ. The Minor Modification provides approval of the use of CO2 for well maintenance during rinsing activities as described in your submittals, pursuant to Part II.E.6.g.

The minor permit modification is issued in accordance with UIC regulations at 40 CFR §144.41 and is effective immediately. We will notify you of its posting by email with a citation to the website location. Proposed use of any additional process chemicals will require subsequent EPA approval.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me at (415) 972-3971 or have your staff contact Nancy Rumrill at (415) 972-3293.

Sincerely,

David Albright Manager, Groundwater Protection Section

Enclosure

cc: Maribeth Greenslade, ADEQ